Dublin, 15th of April, 1852

My dear friend— As I have a chance of sending this scrap in a letter to Toronto I hope the receiver there will have the grace to send this on to you. I thought you would like to know that my sister Deborah has at last set her feet on terra firma. At the end of last May she sailed with her husband, 8 children, & a servant for Australia. We did not hear of their arrival from themselves till about a week ago when a perfect deluge of letters came. They had a fine and prosperous voyage— not one of the family suffered more than half an hour sea sickness in the whole journey of 10, or 12,000 miles. They like Port Phillip, the climate, the people, their prospects, and are full of hope for the future. At the last accounts my brother in law was gone to the gold fields not very far from Melbourne. The family fell immediately into some way of earning— and in the superiority of climate they think they have made a good change from America.

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As my sister enjoyed her visit to You very much
I know she will be glad to know that I have
written to tell you how she has "got along". Since
I wrote to You last I have had a great deal
of anti slavery work – Scoble & Tappan have
published "a Reply to Certain Charges, &c." – &
I have been brewing an answer to their
reply – at such length, that I have 2 papers for
their one. I have found it a troublesome job,
requiring a great deal of reading books, referring
to authorities, and writing letters. The Estlins
and I have had a world of work in connection
with this and other anti slavery business that
serves at least this good purpose that it helps
to make us think we have a finger in the pie.
Seriously I am by no means a sanguine person
– I do not expect much from what a handful
can do – but if an attempt can be made in
the right direction, I think it wrong not to try.

Miss Estlin is really wonderful for ability,
industry & zeal – and You would be amazed if
You saw her. She is so thin You might almost
blow her away. I admire her talents, modesty &
devotedness as something quite wonderful.

The interchange of letters between us on all these affairs has been very rapid & constant — & it is the next best thing to talking to these delightful people themselves.

I wish very much you could make out for honestly or dishonestly, by mean or noble means a copy of the Original Right & Wrong in Boston — the first & second parts. I have the 3rd — of the Right & Wrong in Mass. I was surprised to find that part 3 was published so early as 1837. I thought all went on pretty smoothly among the abolitionists till that time & beyond it.

I hear at long intervals from Paris but of course not nearly so often as I wish. I trust to you to tell me ~~whether~~ when any thing in particular happens.

The box of Bells &c. arrived in Liverpool 12 days ago. I wrote to a broker immediately and it is only today I heard from him that the package is to be in Dublin today or tomorrow. Will you tell Samuel May of this, and tell him also that he need never make any apology to her for such a commission as this — for between the good lady there is no one who would undertake it with more pleasure or be better pleased in being able to do anything for the cause or its servants. So you see "Peter praiseth himself." Wm. P. Powell of N.Y. has at last arrived in Liverpool and in sending me some matters he brought for us he sent a loan of a fine daguerreotype of Thompson, Garrison & Phillips. It is mighty pleasant to see Phillips again after 12 years separation. Thompson's was very good. Garrison looks no younger than he did in 1846. The love of shadows is one of my few weaknesses.

Why is S. L. silent to me wards? Will you demand wherein have I offended him. He should be able to write a letter this lovely fine spring weather. How go on Lucia's parrot and Deborah's superintending? — Read the book E. Pease sent to W. Phillips about Hydropathy — Ever truly yours.

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